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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of the United States, a professional in the IT industry and a taxpayer. I am very concerned and alarmed at the apparent laziness of the Department of Justice. Microsoft has displayed monopolistic attitudes and practices for a long time. Simply slapping their hand for past behavior is not going to stop the monopolistic practices. If anything, the current settlement will send a message to the management of Microsoft that they can get away with anything for a price.

The behemoth that is Microsoft must be stopped! If Microsoft is allowed to continue to operate as in the past the market suffers, the industry suffers, the consumer suffers, and ultimately the tax payer suffers. Since your salaries are paid by the taxpayer, I would think it would be in your interests to see Microsoft's monopolistic practices curbed.

If the DOJ is not able to follow the will of the people then where do we turn for justice? The American people expect those in positions of responsibility to act responsibly. Please do so by not accepting a settlement that will hurt the economy in the long run. The American way of life is at jeopardy, even if you refuse to acknowledge that fact.

Sincerely,

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